

## FLY CONTESTANTS END WORK TO-DAY

Last Batch of Deceased  
to Be Delivered by  
5 o'Clock.

## CLOSE CONTEST FOR MAIN PRIZE

Issue Between Sarah Johnson  
and Boy Scouts in Doubt.  
Count Will Be Verified and  
Prizes Awarded—Cam-  
paign Has Been Highly  
Successful.

### Fly Contest Leaders

WHITE.	
Sarah Johnson.....	538,000
Boy Scouts.....	400,450
Methodist Mission Boys.....	108,140
George C. Hanks.....	149,400
Floyd Bryant.....	141,320
Adelaide Miles.....	105,000
Joe Palmer.....	99,680
Joe O'Leary.....	65,000
Frank Miller.....	61,510
Sherwood Courson.....	47,330
Carlisle Moore.....	37,364
William Lewis.....	32,480
Crawford Massey.....	31,180
Clare Burch.....	31,808
COLORED.	
Inez Harris.....	179,130
Violet Crump.....	138,142
Cecil Whitley.....	110,594
Ellen Moore.....	106,082
Jack West.....	104,500
Edward Johnson.....	74,550
Madeline Murray.....	58,158
Clementine Clark.....	37,450
Anna Williams.....	36,750
Paul Davis.....	33,390
Ollie Jenkins.....	31,340
Mildred Norrell.....	30,450
Joe Overton.....	29,590
Total killed to date.....	3,628,640
Killed yesterday.....	136,000
White.....	130,000
Colored.....	11,500

"Will Sarah Johnson win?"

This short question, so often on the lips of the Richmond public during the last two weeks, will be finally answered this afternoon when the last returns are counted in The Times-Dispatch's great fly swatting contest. At the present outlook the little Church Hill girl has the brightest chance for victory over the Boy Scouts, but the class of work being done by the young soldiers may easily turn an adverse majority of 48,000 into a handsome plurality in two days.

The table printed at the head of this column represents the standing of the leaders Saturday at noon. No returns were permitted yesterday, so that there is no way of figuring the kills made by the swatters Saturday afternoon and yesterday. They're off this morning on the last day of the race. The stroke of 5 o'clock this afternoon will determine the winners, but until that time no man can confidently pick the victors. The City Health Department, which will be open practically all day for the receipt of flies, will close promptly at 5 o'clock, when the record sheets will be brought to the business office of The Times-Dispatch for final count.

### Will Verify Returns.

In order that there may be no inaccuracies in the summaries, the daily returns of every contestant, large or small, will be totaled on an adding machine, and if there have been any mistakes in the addition of the kills as recorded above, they will be immediately rectified. The Times-Dispatch will print to-morrow morning the final, carefully audited list of prize winners, with their scores in the contest. If there are any complaints to be made they should be filed early to-morrow morning with the contest committee, which is headed by Neil D. Sills.

Viewed from every standpoint, the fly swatting venture conducted by The Times-Dispatch has been a success. Mathematical calculations have demonstrated that the 1,000,000 flies slaughtered in this crusade would have reproduced one quintillion of their breed within the short space of forty-eight days had they not been destroyed. This of itself fully justifies the venture. From the viewpoint of the City Health Department, the editorial work made possible in connection with the contest has been a most gratifying step in the popularization of sanitary rules.

### May Be Close Finish.

Little Sarah and the Boy Scouts, by their brilliant neck and neck struggle, have given the contest which will not soon be forgotten. Telephone inquiries in regard to Sarah's standing is expected to-night, when the final count is made and the victor determined. The little girls' lead is not for the Republic, but the soldiers can kill an unbelievable bag of flies in two days. So watch for the finish. It will be made in a cloud of dust.

Almost without doubt, the first prize of \$25 and the second of \$15 will be shared by Sarah and the Boy Scouts. After them three boys are struggling for the third prize of \$10 and the fourth reward of \$5. This fight is a very pretty affair and will be won by a nose. Below these five champions are ranged fifteen little swatters, all scrambling to get in the list of ten who get \$1 prizes. Some who are quoted in this morning's list will probably be shoved out of the money at the last minute. While Inez Harris seems to have the colored first prize of \$20, the fight for second and third prizes is warm. Ten prizes of \$1 each will also be awarded in this division, making twenty-seven prizes to be given in all.

### Twenty Killed in Collision.

Linkoping, Sweden, June 16.—Twenty persons were killed and fourteen injured in a collision last night between a mail train and a freight train at Malmstad Station.

## CENTRAL OHIO SWEEP BY STORM

Two Killed When Steeple  
Crashes Through Roof  
of Church.

## HUNDREDS ARE MADE HOMELESS

Monetary Damage Is Estimated  
at More Than a Million Dol-  
lars—There Is Loss of Life  
at Zanesville, and Plain  
City Is Almost  
Destroyed.

Columbus, O., June 16.—A rain and wind storm almost amounting to a tornado swept Central Ohio to-day, causing two deaths, rendering hundreds homeless, and doing monetary damage estimated at more than \$1,000,000.

The storm reached its greatest force at Zanesville, where two were killed when the steeple of St. Thomas Catholic Church crashed through the roof as the morning services were being held. At Delaware the roof of St. Mary's Catholic School was lifted and borne across the street, wrecking two cottages.

In this city a number of houses were unroofed. Telegraph and telephone division headquarters here report that hundreds of poles were snapped off, and that many miles of wire was torn down.

Plain City, seventeen miles west of here, was almost demolished, and several persons were reported to have been injured.

Cuts Path Through Town.  
Zanesville, O., June 16.—Two were killed and a score more injured early to-day, when a cyclone struck here, toppling the steeple of the St. Thomas Catholic Church through the roof while services were being held.

Thomas Skinion's head was crushed by falling stone, and he was instantly killed. John P. Dinan, crushed, died two hours later in a hospital. Father Roach administered the last sacraments to Skinion after the priest had directed the panic-stricken worshippers to leave by a rear door, their lives being imperiled by falling walls in front.

The storm cut a path about a block wide through town. It lost its force apparently after traveling twenty miles east of here and toppling over numerous barns. No lives were lost outside of the city, it is believed.

### Many Lives Lost.

Kansas City, Mo., June 16.—From meagre reports that have been received, it is believed that the storm that struck Kansas City late yesterday, causing the death of two persons and doing damage amounting to many thousands of dollars, swept to the South through Bates county, where it left a trail of death and destruction. The path of the storm here was half a mile wide and five miles long. Between Merwin and Adrian twenty-eight persons were killed. At Creighton, in Cass county, two are known to be dead, while at Leeton, in Johnson county, two are dead, and unverified reports say others have been killed.

After striking Merwin, the storm took a northwesterly course, passing Sedalia, where the wind did much damage. Miles east of here the storm came up suddenly and swept clean its path through the northern section of the country.

When Henry Cameron and three of his children were killed and the wind picked up another child and carried it away. The baby was found to-day a mile from home uninjured. The bodies of Gibson and Red Groves were found more than a mile from their home, where they were when the storm struck. In another place the storm in passing over a farm killed fifty head of live stock, but did no other damage.

Relief trains have been sent from Windsor, Warrensburg and Sedalia.

### Water Does Great Damage.

St. Louis, Mo., June 16.—A rainstorm amounting almost to a cloudburst broke over this city at 6 o'clock this morning and continued unabated until 5 o'clock.

## ROOSEVELT SURE TO BE 'A NOMINEE'

His Delegates Will Take  
Matters in Their Own  
Hands.

## TROUBLE BREWS FOR CONVENTION

Leaders Frankly State Their In-  
tention to Nominate Him, and  
Claim Regularity if Attempt  
Is Made to Adopt Tempo-  
rary Roll Made by Na-  
tional Committee.

Chicago, June 16.—The Roosevelt plans for the fight to be made in the Republican National Convention Tuesday were finally adopted at a conference of the Roosevelt leaders to-night, under the direction of the Colonel himself.

The Roosevelt supporters have determined that the convention shall not be organized with the contested delegates seated by the national committee, and to this end they have determined to demand a roll call on the first proposition that comes up. This undoubtedly will come on the fight of Governor Johnson, of California, to cast the twenty-six votes of that State on the question of the temporary chairmanship.

This right will be questioned by the two Taft delegates from the Fourth District. Then will come the move which the Roosevelt leaders have planned. They will move at once to the temporary roll as made up by the national committee be rejected and that a substitute roll, prepared by the Roosevelt leaders, be adopted. This roll will include the seventy to eighty delegates which Colonel Roosevelt claims were stolen from him, and which would be sufficient to give the Roosevelt forces control of the convention.

Submitting the contest to the convention en bloc—none of the delegates affected by the contests could vote. Under customary rules, passing upon the contests State by State, one contest might pass upon the rights of another.

The Roosevelt plan is a revolution, any one. It will be bitterly opposed by the Taft leaders, but it will serve the purpose of bringing the fight quickly to the front, and this is what the Roosevelt leaders desire. Victor Roosevelt, chairman of the national committee, will call the convention to order. It is not believed that he will entertain the motion to consider a second list of delegates, but will insist upon waiting for the report of the committee on credentials, which ordinarily would not come up for consideration until Wednesday. If he does this the Roosevelt leaders will move at once "to proceed to the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt."

### Hold Their Own Convention.

In other words, the Roosevelt delegates in such a case would attempt to hold a convention of their own within the convention hall. Colonel Roosevelt tonight conferred for more than an hour with Chairman Roosevelt, who sought the interview through E. Mont Rely, of Kansas City, a mutual friend. Mr. Roosevelt explained to the Colonel that in making rulings in the national committee on contest cases he had followed the parliamentary practice that had always governed the deliberations of that body.

Colonel Roosevelt directed severe criticism against individual members of the committee, but Mr. Roosevelt is said to have escaped these strictures. Finally the Colonel demanded to know what Mr. Roosevelt's attitude would be when the Roosevelt forces proposed to substitute a new temporary roll for that prepared by the committee.

"The rules of the committee will apply," answered Mr. Roosevelt. "When asked if he would not consent to submit the question to the convention, Mr. Roosevelt is said to have asked for time in which to consider the question. It is said that he will confer with his associates early to-morrow."

After midnight the Roosevelt forces agreed to enter Senator Borah as their candidate against Senator Roosevelt for the temporary chairmanship. Governor Hadley, of Missouri, was selected as

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## SPEAKER BYRD ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT FROM POLITICS

Leading Virginian Pre-  
fers to Practice His  
Profession.

## NOT COMING BACK TO LEGISLATURE

Has Presided Over House Three  
Terms—Finds Political Life  
Costly—Author of Many Im-  
portant Measures and  
Power in State  
Politics.

With the adjournment of the National Democratic Convention in Baltimore, where he will be leader of the Woodrow Wilson forces from Virginia, Richard Evelyn Byrd, a foremost figure in the public life of Virginia, will retire from the political arena in this State. He announces that he will under no circumstances be a candidate for re-election to the House of Delegates, and will, as a result, lay down the javelin of the Speaker of the House, which he has wielded for the past three sessions of that body.

Like many another man, Mr. Byrd has found that politics does not pay. Further, he has learned that the time and attention given by him to the political game has been disastrous to his professional work, interfering to a large degree with his practice of law. Wherefore, finding that he cannot successfully do both, he has determined to give up politics and practice law.

### As Author of Laws.

The announcement of the retirement of but few other men in the public eye in Virginia would attract so much interest. Speaker Byrd has not been satisfied with the honor of presiding over the deliberations of the House, but has always taken a leading part in the inception and adoption of new legislation. Many measures bearing the stamp of his authorship are now in the statute books of the State, and many others are the result of campaigns conducted by him and of the help he has extended in conference, in committee, or in debate on the floor.

Mr. Byrd's position as Speaker has given him a commanding position in the matter of making new laws. Besides, he is always a close observer of current events, and sees the needs of the times. So it happens that he is at each session the patron of measures designed to fill what he thinks a public want.

His help as a debater is always eagerly sought, and is counted upon as the equivalent of a good many votes of the House of Delegates. His position in the councils of the party has put him in touch with the political situation as it is, and altogether he has been regarded as a power in Virginia politics.

### Costs Him Too Much.

But he has had enough, of course. In the years to come, when he has made enough money by hard work to afford to play politics the attractions of the game may lure him again. But he has made up his mind to retire at once, and says that his determination in this respect will not be shaken. He loves politics, but prefers to make a living.

Always he has had opposition for the Democratic nomination for the House from his district, composed of Frederick county and the city of Winchester. These fights have demanded some attention on his part, taking him from the practice of law. Then, as Speaker, the demands upon his time are practically constant between the November election and the convening of the Legislature in the succeeding January. The legislative session means sixty days of solid work, with no chance to do anything else.

Four or five months out of two years mean too big a slice out of a man's professional life, in his judgment. At least, they mean too much for him.

### Came to Front at Once.

Richard Evelyn Byrd has served four terms in the House of Delegates of Virginia. He had for years been a successful practicing attorney of Winchester, but had not been largely identified with politics. When he was first elected to the House, in 1906, he came to the front immediately. The usual custom of priority in service was disregarded, and Mr. Byrd was

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RICHARD EVELYN BYRD.

## SOME ONE WILL WIN, BUT WHAT 'SOME ONE' CAN'T BE FORETOLD

Enough Misinformation Given Out in Chicago to  
Dam Niagara, and the Net Result Is Nothing  
But Claims—Reports and Counter Reports  
Make Up Day's Seething and Boiling in Re-  
publican Camp.

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Chicago, Ill., June 16.—Inasmuch as there is a very large supply of extremely competent seethers and boilers in the city, Sunday was largely devoted to seething and boiling.

Sedulous seethers were constantly stepping on one's feet in the hotel lobbies and seething into one's face; and buoyant boilers boiled up, boiled out and boiled over here, there and everywhere. It was the same upstairs in the rooms that shelter the professional seethers. They were not seething in view of the spectators, but they were doing a lot more of it, for, as is well known, they have a lot more of it to do. The net result of the day's ebullition was plenty of bubbles and steam, but nothing more tangible. When the sergeants and corporals who are running this show, or are being run by it, which is closer to the fact, closed down for the night they were in exactly the same case as they were in the morning when they had their eggs. Not one of them knew what is going to happen, and not one of them did not claim to know exactly what is in prospect. Number one of the political aphorisms is: Claim everything. The men who are in charge of the various affairs of the various candidates are ably aphoristical.

They claim everything. Then, following out political precepts, they concede nothing. Thus, the eager seeker after information learns that Taft is sure to win, that Roosevelt is sure to win, that Cummins and La Follette are sure to win, and that there is nothing to it but Hughes or Borah, or some one else. And, casting a general average, the result obtained is that, while somebody is certain to win, nobody in Chicago knows who that somebody will be.

### Enough Misinformation to Dam Niagara.

It was hot in the morning, but in the afternoon the breeze came skylarking in from the lake, and the wilted predictors and solvers and compromisers and the compromised and prophets and seers and fanatics and dantastics chirped up amazingly, and the mass of misinformation that was handed about in places where these persons gathered would dam Niagara.

This was the way of it: A report came that a Taft Georgia delegate had switched to Roosevelt. A man heard this report. Presently he told it to another man. That man came along and told another man that half a dozen Georgia delegates, he has heard on the highest possible authority, have switched to Roosevelt. The third man made the number a dozen, and the fourth man galloped down Peacock Alley in the Annex shouting, "The stampeade has begun! The stampeade has begun!"

Still, there were one or two definite things. Tim Woodruff, of Brooklyn, after fluttering about for weeks, finally lighted in the Roosevelt cote, and claimed he brought four other Brooklyn birds of passage with him. Mr. Woodruff said he could not stand the high-handed methods of the national committee, being a sensitive young person, and having his nerves wracked by the presence of "Bill" Barnes, also of New York, as a Taft leader. There was some other shifting back and forth, but the net result of the day was that, while one side may have gained some and one side lost some, neither side knows exactly what it is, and neither will know until the first test vote comes.

The star of the day's performance was Colonel Roosevelt. He sat most of the time in his room in the Annex and saw the boys as they were brought to him. Nor has the Colonel lost any of the magnetism by which he used to make his callers at the White House think they were at that moment the exact persons of the all-world's population he most loved and most desired to see. "Of course," he said, "I am glad to see you"—with heavy emphasis on the "you"—and "I know you," with hard bearing on the "you"—and so on; and he kept a lot of them ribbed up for the fight.

The Taft fellows mourned at the spectacle, they said, to see an ex-President of the United States actually canvassing for votes, a sure sign that the republic is headed toward the reefs. The Roosevelt fellows, having been torn with certain internal jealousies, and having suffered from leadership that had more leaders than there were followers, said it was great, and cheerfully turned the

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## RUMOR OF BREAK AND STAMPEDE CAUSES PANIC IN TAFT'S CAMP

But M'Kinley and Barnes  
Investigate and De-  
clare It Is False  
Alarm.

## COLONEL'S ARMY JUBILANT OVER EVENTS OF DAY

Roosevelt Headquarters Make  
Public Letters Announcing  
Desertions From Taft in Mis-  
sissippi, Georgia and New  
York, but McKinley Is Quick  
to Discredit Them—Third-  
Termer Goes to Church, Then  
Spends Happy Time in Tur-  
moil of Political Fighting.  
Great Demonstration Is Plan-  
ned for To-Day.

Chicago, June 16.—Another day of conferences, caucuses and counting of delegates brought no solution to the presidential tangle confronting the Republican National Convention to-night. During the day the city rang with rumors that a break had come, and that a stampeade of Southern delegates to Colonel Roosevelt had begun.

The Roosevelt headquarters made public letters bearing the names of five delegates from Georgia and five from Mississippi, heretofore counted solidly in the Taft column, declaring themselves for Colonel Roosevelt as the only hope of the party. Earlier in the day Timothy Woodruff, of New York, had announced that he had given Colonel Roosevelt assurance of his support.

The statements for a time threw the Taft headquarters into a commotion of a panic. Members of the Georgia and Mississippi delegations were hastily summoned, and there was a return of composure when it was learned that the five Georgia delegates who had supposedly signed the letter to Colonel Roosevelt had not yet reached the city. Later the committee received word from these delegates denying that they had deserted Taft.

### Bolt Was Expected.

N. B. Mosely, committeeman from Mississippi and chairman of the delegation, declared to-night that two delegates from that State had been expected to disregard their instructions and vote for Colonel Roosevelt. He did not believe any more would change.

After these conferences, the Taft managers issued a statement denying the reports of a mass desertion, and asserting that only Charles Banks, one of the negro delegates from Mississippi, and Timothy Woodruff, of Brooklyn, had deserted to the Colonel.

Senator Dixon, the Roosevelt campaign manager, was jubilant over the day's events.

"We've got them coming," he exclaimed. "We have lots more of them to tell you about, but we don't want to tell you about them in one day. To-morrow we will give you more news of Taft delegates coming over to our side."

"The situation to-night is absolutely unchanged," said Mr. McKinley, director of the Taft headquarters. Mr. Roosevelt has been sending for delegates who are opposed to his nomination, and he has endeavored to persuade them to come over to his standard. This work has been a failure, although claims have been made all day to the contrary.

Colonel Roosevelt spent a happy day in the midst of the turmoil of the approaching convention. He went to church during the morning, took a motor ride during the afternoon, and up to a late hour to-night was holding a "council of war" with his "general staff" of advisers. He received the reports of defections from the President with smiles.

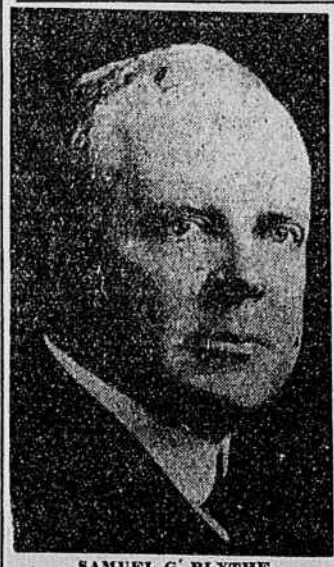
### Demonstration Planned.

The Roosevelt supporters to-night arranged for a great political demonstration in honor of their candidate to-morrow, when he will hold a reception in the lobby of the Congress Hotel. The reception is planned primarily for delegates, but thousands of others probably will pass through the lines.

The day has been exceedingly hot and devoid of news until afternoon, when the Georgia letter suddenly was sprung from the Roosevelt headquarters. As given out, the letter bore the signatures of Clark Grier, J. H. Boone, C. Styles, J. Eugene Peterson and S. S. Minzey. Mr. Grier alone of those in the city, and acknowledged authorship of the letter, claiming it represented the sentiment of many Georgia delegates and Republican sentiment in Georgia.

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## SPECIAL CONVENTION FEATURES.



SAMUEL G. BLYTHE.

The Times-Dispatch has secured as special writers for both the Republican and Democratic National Conventions, Samuel G. Blythe and Finley Peter Dunne, in addition to the full leased wire service of the Associated Press, the New York Sun and its own regular Staff Correspondents.

Mr. Blythe stands in the very front rank of newspaper writers, while the whole country has laughed with Mr. Dunne over his quaint Dooley articles.



FINLEY PETER DUNNE.